GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PROCUREMENT OF SPARES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are able to procure spares and other replacements of MIG 21s; and

(b) if so, the progress on Rs. 12 billion Indo-Russian programme for upgrading 125 MIG 21s with improved avionics and weapons systems which was signed by New Delhi and Moscow in May, 2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Contract for upgrading MiG-21 Bis aircraft was signed with Russia on 1st March 1996. Two aircrafts have already been upgraded and are flying in India. The upgrade programme has been taken up by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. and is likely to be completed by the end of Financial year 2004-2005.